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Delmarva Agriculture Data  
Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending, July 19, 2008, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.0% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.1 million) decreased 1.9% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.7 million, a decrease of 3.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending July 12, 2008 compared to 11.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/24/2008	14,121	13,758	11,694	11,658	11,795	11,716
05/31/2008	14,289	13,592	11,846	11,645	11,938	11,736
06/07/2008	14,342	13,963	11,820	11,603	11,912	11,772
06/14/2008	14,327	13,136	11,810	11,614	11,900	11,924
06/21/2008	14,334	14,079	11,889	11,523	12,305	11,817
06/28/2008	13,559	13,350	11,931	11,656	12,023	11,654
07/05/2008	14,059	13,332	11,973	10,942	11,974	10,942
* 07/12/2008	14,219	13,622	11,950	11,594	11,950	11,594
07/19/2008	14,125	13,661	11,316	11,100	11,411	11,186

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.  
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.  
\* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	07/26/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	79.75	80.00	77.60	80.50
12-City Composite 2/	84.05	86.22	82.44	81.24

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.  
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,560	31,093	*30,529	29,044	*30,699	31,005
AR	26,137	26,337	26,620	26,069	*26,089	26,250
DE	3,630	3,647	3,495	3,573	3,624	3,629
FL	1,341	1,341	*1,361	*1,306	1,306	1,273
GA	34,260	34,231	33,955	32,622	33,907	33,591
KY	7,545	7,694	*7,301	*7,765	7,909	8,020
LA	3,642	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,621
MD	8,236	9,162	8,594	8,618	*8,852	8,762
MS	18,930	18,761	18,624	18,772	17,768	18,560
NC	19,116	19,230	*19,022	18,416	*18,574	18,739
OK	6,850	6,897	*6,902	7,170	7,429	7,197
PA	4,539	4,550	4,525	*4,316	*4,378	4,536
SC	5,260	5,317	5,539	5,348	5,380	5,659
TX	15,876	15,897	14,714	15,700	15,608	15,675
VA	6,476	6,315	*6,123	6,099	6,017	6,344
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,748	19,594	*19,096	*19,093	*19,429	18,983
19 State Total	213,146	213,717	*210,051	*207,562	*210,620	211,844
Previous Year Total	217,590	216,287	210,141	216,018	218,175	216,979
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	100	96	97	98

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 19, 2008. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,327	22,049	22,019	21,477	*21,476	21,112
AR	24,314	24,638	22,783	23,052	*22,289	23,200
DE	4,521	4,361	5,208	4,213	*4,594	4,388
FL	1,136	1,224	1,216	1,315	1,160	1,227
GA	28,012	28,934	29,311	28,617	27,742	27,913
KY	6,864	6,462	7,090	*6,470	6,016	5,466
LA	3,742	3,755	3,632	3,456	3,543	3,465
MD	6,308	6,773	6,114	6,083	*5,922	5,454
MS	17,262	17,186	17,283	16,882	*16,718	16,553
NC	16,010	15,580	16,328	15,683	*15,980	15,849
OK	4,917	3,810	*5,110	4,513	6,113	4,917
PA	*3,418	*3,382	*3,384	*3,385	*3,462	3,456
SC	5,494	5,220	4,044	4,726	5,027	4,737
TX	13,156	13,200	13,260	*13,403	13,409	12,345
VA	5,287	4,911	4,440	4,865	5,423	5,198
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,604	17,768	17,954	17,032	*16,763	17,167
19 State Total	*179,372	*179,253	*179,176	*175,172	*175,637	172,447
Previous Year Total	179,754	180,026	178,938	178,318	177,496	172,031
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	98	99	100

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 2008. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 19, 2008 were 5.16 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.